

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
WESTERN DIVISION**

**In Re:**

**Case No. 05-70657**

**TAN Books & Publishers, Inc.**

**Chapter 11 Bankruptcy  
Judge Manuel Barbosa**

**Debtor.**

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that June 14, 2006 at 10:30 a.m. or as soon thereafter as we may be heard, we shall appear before Judge Manuel Barbosa or any other judge presiding in Room 115, 211 South Court Street, Rockford, Illinois, for a hearing on the Final Application for Interim Compensation seeking \$15,885.00 for services from March 29, 2006 through April 27, 2006.

Ritz & Laughlin, Ltd., Applicant  
Former attorneys for the Debtor in Possession  
728 North Court Street  
Rockford, Illinois 61103

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**Final Application for Compensation**

Ritz & Laughlin, Ltd. (Applicant), attorney for the debtor in possession, submits its Third Application for Fees and Expenses pursuant to § 331 of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 2016.

1. TAN Books & Publishers, Inc filed a voluntary petition for relief under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code on February 18, 2005.

2. The Applicant was approved by order of the Court to be employed as attorneys for the debtor in possession.

3. The Applicant applied for interim compensation after 120 days from the original filing and on July 20, 2005 the Applicant was awarded interim compensation of \$38,534.25. for services rendered from February 18, 2005 through June 17, 2005, and expenses.

4. On November 23, 2005 Ritz and Laughlin was awarded \$16,942.50 for services from June 17, 2005 through October 24, 2005 and \$250.00 for expenses for a total of \$17,192.50.

5. On March 29, 2006 Ritz and Laughlin was awarded \$20,250.00 for services from October 24, 2005 through March 29, 2006..

6. The Applicant provided legal services and advanced money from March 29, 2006 through April 27, 2006 as indicated in the following Projects:

**General**

Ritz	2.50	\$225.00	\$562.50
Laughlin	2.80	\$225.00	\$630.00
			<b>\$1,192.50</b>

**Copyright**

Ritz	0.00	\$225.00	\$0.00
Laughlin	4.10	\$225.00	\$922.50
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$922.50</b>

**Competing Plan**

Attorney	Hours	Rate	Compensation
Ritz	20.40	\$225.00	\$4,590.00
Laughlin	0.70	\$225.00	\$157.50
			\$4,747.50

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Attorney	Hours	Rate	Compensation
Laughlin	0.90	\$225.00	\$202.50
			\$202.50

**Disclosure Statement**

Attorney	Hours	Rate	Compensation
Ritz	27.80	\$ 225.00	\$6,255.00
Laughlin	1.90	\$ 225.00	\$427.50
			<b>\$6,682.50</b>

**Plan**

Attorney	Hours	Rate	Compensation
Ritz	1.00	\$ 225.00	\$225.00
Laughlin	.30	\$ 225.00	\$67.50
			<b>\$292.50</b>

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Ritz	0.70	\$225.00	\$157.50
Laughlin	0.00	\$225.00	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$157.50</b>

**Compensation**

Attorney	Hours	Rate	Compensation
Ritz	4.10	\$ 225.00	\$922.50
Laughlin	1.00	\$ 225.00	\$225.00
			<b>\$1,147.50</b>

**Heidelberg Press**

Attorney	Hours	Rate	Compensation
Ritz	2.40	\$ 225.00	\$540.00
			\$540.00

7. Because of the vast amount of creditors, it is in the best interest of the estate that notice of the hearing on this application be limited to the United States Trustee, the members of the Creditors' Committee, the current attorney for the debtor in possession, and the attorney for the Creditors' Committee.

**Summary**

The total time spent by the Applicant from March 29, 2006 was 70.60 hours. Kenneth Ritz worked 58.90 hours. And the value of the services was \$13,252.50. Thomas Laughlin worked 11.70 hours and the value of the services was \$2,632.50. Hourly rates are \$225.00 for each attorney.

WHEREFORE, Applicant prays that it be awarded \$ 15,885.00 for services.

Ritz & Laughlin, Ltd.  
Attorneys for the debtor in possession

By /s/ Kenneth F. Ritz  
Illinois Bar 02347083

**Certificate of Service**

The undersigned certifies that on \_\_\_\_\_ he caused to be served electronically on the foregoing to following parties:

Sheree Dandurand Office of the U.S. Trustee 780 Regent Street, Suite 304 Madison, WI 53715	Louis W. Levit 555 Skokie Blvd. Suite 500 Northbrook, Illinois 60062 Creditors' Committee
George Hampilos 208 West State St. Rockford, IL 61101	

The undersigned certifies that on \_\_\_\_\_ he caused the foregoing Notice of Hearing to be served by US mail on the following parties

<p>Labelle, Margaret A 388 Geranium Ave St. Paul, MN 55101-3725</p> <p>James H. Krause 3809 Highland Ave. Skaneateles, NY 13152 Committee Member</p> <p>Joseph D. Olsen Yalden, Olsen &amp; Willette 1318 East State Street Rockford, IL 61104 LDR attorney</p> <p>Emil Waller 16416-160TH Ave Rodney MI 49342</p> <p>James P Lammers,. PO BOX 345 Champlain, NY 12919-0345</p> <p>Janet Madigan. 1402 Williams Dr Wall Township, NJ 07719-4435</p>	<p>Jennie Ritter 13088 Taussig Ave. Bridgeton, MO 63044 Committee Member</p> <p>Thomas H. Sayre 835 Shenandoah Shores Rd. Front Royal, VA 22630 Committee Member</p> <p>Albert La Pietra 69 Millrace Dr East Rochester, NY 14445-1101</p> <p>Jonathan E. Strouse Holland &amp; Knight LLP 131 S. Dearborn St. Chicago, IL 60603 Heidelberg Print USA</p> <p>DuPont Printing &amp; Publishing c/o Bob Rivituso PO Box 80030 Wilmington DE 19880-0030</p> <p>Virginia Dwyer, Revocable Trust 1988 8540 Britannia Dr Fort Myers, FL 33912-7019</p>
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/s/ Kenneth Ritz